

INDIANA CHAMBER PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEES

BUSINESS-HIGHER EDUCATION

The Business-Higher Education Forum analyzes and recommends legislative and public policy positions on issues related to higher education policy, technology transfer from university-based research to the private sector and enhancing college participation rates and reversing the brain drain.

The group also serves as a forum for dialogue, engagement and coordination between the leadership of Indiana's higher education institutions and the Indiana business community, where business and higher education leaders can engage in both legislative and non-legislative initiatives to address common concerns and issues, and to partner in the betterment of Indiana's economy and prosperity.

CIVIL JUSTICE POLICY

The Civil Justice Committee analyzes and recommends legislative and public policy positions in the issue areas of civil justice, tort and product liability. It examines existing statutes and new and existing court decisions and their impact on business. It further advises the Chamber on potential improvements and assists the Chamber in maintaining a positive legislative climate that is fair, consistent and timely for business. The committee also reviews important legal decisions and advises the Chamber on when involvement in court challenges is recommended.

CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS

The Congressional Affairs Committee analyzes and recommends legislative and public policy positions relating to federal business issues. The committee also advises the Chamber as to the best methods of communicating the Chamber's messages to Indiana's congressional delegation. It provides advice and guidance regarding the impact that federal legislative and regulatory initiatives may have on Hoosier businesses. The committee also interviews candidates for Congress and determines any Chamber endorsement in congressional races.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY

The Economic Development Committee analyzes and recommends legislative and public policy positions in the broad area of economic development to improve the competitiveness of Indiana's business climate. It carries out specific assignments assigned to it by the Chamber's board of directors.



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EMPLOYMENT LAW POLICY

The Employment Law Committee analyzes and recommends legislative and public policy positions on human resources issues. The committee studies and develops initiatives regarding pro-employer human resources policies to be implemented by the Indiana General Assembly.

The committee also analyzes and recommends legislative and public policy positions on issues related to labor-management relations, unemployment compensation, the unionization of government, prevailing wage/living wage and other labor relations issues that impact the business community.

ENERGY POLICY

The Energy Committee analyzes and recommends legislative and public policy positions designed to maintain and enhance Indiana's position as a producer/supplier of safe, reliable, abundant and low-cost energy. The committee seeks to ensure that proper policies are implemented to provide for the needs of future economic growth and to allow Indiana businesses to compete effectively in the global marketplace.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

The Environment and Natural Resources Committee analyzes and recommends legislative and public policy positions concerning the many environmental laws and regulations that impact business in Indiana. The committee develops policy statements for the Chamber in the areas of air, water and land quality to be presented to the various environmental boards and legislative committees.

HEALTH CARE POLICY

The Health Care Committee analyzes and recommends legislative and public policy positions on matters related to employer-sponsored health care. The committee examines the impact of proposed health care legislation on businesses in Indiana. It makes recommendations for policies that improve the availability of cost and quality information for health care consumers while opposing government interference with, and mandates on, the provision of health care by businesses.

HOOSIER VOICES FOR I-69

Hoosiers Voices for I-69, formerly a separate policy and advocacy organization, is now a policy committee of the Indiana Chamber. Hoosier Voices for I-69 advocates for policies and funding to complete the extension of Interstate 69 from Indianapolis to Evansville and provides guidance to Chamber staff on the annual I-69 summit.



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INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY

The Infrastructure Committee analyzes and recommends legislative and public policy positions on a variety of issues relating to physical infrastructure including transportation (roads, bridges, rail, ports, etc.), logistics and water and sewer. The committee is responsible for developing and overseeing the implementation of a thoughtful plan to enhance Indiana's competitiveness in each of these areas.

K-12 EDUCATION POLICY

The Education Committee analyzes and recommends legislative and public policy positions in the area of K-12 education, and monitors and responds to how the performance of Indiana's education system impacts the business community and the state's economic health.

TAXATION AND PUBLIC FINANCE POLICY

The Taxation and Public Finance Committee analyzes and recommends legislative and public policy positions on issues concerning taxation policy, state and local fiscal matters and their impact on business costs and business competitiveness.

TECH POLICY

The Tech Policy Committee analyzes and advocates for legislative policy positions so Indiana's technology companies, entrepreneurs and innovation can better thrive.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT POLICY

The Workforce Development Committee analyzes and recommends legislative and public policy positions in the area of workforce preparation, adult worker training, vocational education and technical training.

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

The Workplace Health and Safety Committee analyzes and recommends legislative and public policy positions for issues pertaining to the health and safety of Indiana's workforce. The committee reviews existing and proposed legislative and regulatory proposals to ensure that they are reasonable, grounded in sound science and are no more stringent than existing federal requirements. The committee further works to maintain prudent, employer-oriented laws and regulations in the area of worker's compensation.



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